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In re Application of  
GREEN, JAMES A., *et al.*  
Application No. 09/621,464  
Filed: 07/21/2000  
Attorney Docket No. 850-15  
For: SATELLITE BROADCAST RECEIVING  
AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

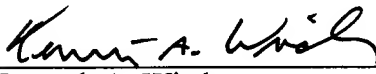
DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition to make special filed on July 21, 2000.

A petition to make special under the Manual of Patent Examination Procedure §708.02, IV, must show that petitioner is 65 years of age, or more. Acceptable evidence includes a birth certificate, copy of a driver's license, or simply a statement by the applicant. No fee is required.

The petition meets all the above-listed requirements. Accordingly, the petition is **granted**.

The application will retain its special status throughout its entire prosecution, including any appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, subject only to diligent prosecution by the applicant.

  
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